# The Indiana Victim Assistance Basic Academy

The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence implements the Indiana Victim Assistance Training Project. The Training Project's mission is to develop and provide a comprehensive, accessible, diverse, and affordable training series that is available to all professionals who serve victims of crime in Indiana. In keeping with this mission, the Project provides the Indiana Victim Assistance Basic Academy.

The Indiana Victim Assistance Basic Academy is an entry- level training program that takes place over three weeks and provides 41 hours of content through webinar and classroom instruction. It is open, free of charge, to anyone employed by a government or non-profit entity who provides direct services to victims of crime and has held that role for three years or less.

Our June Academy will be held June 2-18, 2026. The in-person, classroom sessions will take place at The Courtyard by Marriott Indianapolis Fishers on June 4, 5, 17, and 18, 2026.

Program Dates: June 2-18, 2026

Topics: The History of Crime Victim Services
- Victim Rights law
- Navigating the Criminal Justice System
- Ethics & Professional Behavior
- The Impact of Crime on Victims
- Direct Services to Victims
- Assisting Victims of Domestic Violence
- Serving Victims of Sexual Assault
- Civil Protective Orders
- Communication with Victims & Survivors
- Children as Victims
- Assisting Victims with Disabilities
- Developing Community Partnerships
- Victim Compensation, Notification, and the Sex Offender Registry
- Elder Abuse
- The Impact of Crime on Advocates
- Cultural & Spiritual Competency in serving Victims of Crime
- Human Trafficking
- Building Resilience

**Please read the Academy description, expectations and requirements carefully before applying.**

**Academy Description**

The Indiana Victim Assistance Basic Academy begins on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, and runs through Thursday, June 18, 2026.

Students will take part in daily educational sessions, on four days each week. Students will travel to Indianapolis/Fishers in weeks one and three for a total of four days of in-person, classroom instruction. They will participate in webinars on all other days. There is no cost to attend the Academy.

Classroom Days

The in-person classroom days will be held at The Courtyard by Marriott Indianapolis Fishers, **on** Thursday, June 4th, Friday, June 5th, Wednesday, June 17th and Thursday, June 18th. Sessions on these days run from 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

Webinar Days

Webinars will be held from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. EDT. Students should reserve 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. each day for the webinar portion of the academy. During this time students should be treated as if they were not physically in the office. On days where the webinars do not take the full two hours, students may be given a homework assignment or activity to complete during the remainder of the time.

Hotel Accommodations

With a reduction in funding, ICADV is asking organizations to provide rooms for their staff. ICADV has reserved a block of rooms for Thursday, June 4 and Wednesday, June 17, at the government rate of $133 per night, not including taxes. Scholarships are available for participants whose organizations are unable to pay for their hotel accommodations.

To receive a scholarship, students must travel more than 50 miles in each direction. Distance must be calculated based on whichever location, home or office, is closer to the training site. Scholarships will fully cover the cost of the room with no additional costs to students. The scholarship application is included within the academy application.

Sometimes students who must drive a long distance choose to secure hotel rooms for the night before the in-person sessions. This year those dates are Wednesday, June 3 and Tuesday, June 16th. ICADV has secured a smaller block of rooms, at the government rate, for both dates. These additional room nights are at the student's or organization's expense. Scholarships are not available for the additional nights.

All hotel reservation information and scholarship results will be provided at the time the Academy class is announced.

## Expectations

Students are expected to fully participate and complete all sessions. During webinars, students are expected to give full attention to the presentation and not accept phone calls or complete other work during this time. Should an unforeseen circumstance arise, that would prevent attendance, students should notify the program coordinator immediately.

Employers and supervisors are expected to support their staff's participation in the Academy by ensuring their attendance at all sessions. Employers and supervisors are expected to treat the student as if they are out of the office and unavailable from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on webinar days.

## Requirements

The Academy is open to anyone who is employed by a government or non-profit organization, who provides direct service to victims of crime and has been in that role for three years or less. Attendance and participation in all sessions is required to complete the Academy. No partial credit will be given and anyone who fails to timely complete the modules may be asked to leave.

## Application, Deadlines & Acceptance

Only a limited number of students will be accepted into the course. If applications exceed the available slots, priority will be given to students based on their direct service to victims, years of experience and application submission date. The number of applications submitted by an agency may also be considered.

**Applications will be accepted March 17th through April 16th**. Applications will be available through a link on the Training Project resource page. Participants will be notified of acceptance by April 23, 2026. Please direct any questions or concerns to Suzanne O'Malley at somalley@icadvinc.org.

The Indiana Victim Assistance Training Project resource page is located at: https://icadvinc.org/events-calendar/victim-assistance-training-project

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